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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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1. This application entitled Method And Subsystem For Determining A Sequence In Which Microstructures Are To Be Processed At A Laser-Processing Site is:
- a. A new application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).
- b. X A X continuation divisional or continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 09/858,691 filed on 05/16/2001, entitled Method And Subsystem For Determining A Sequence In Which Microstructures Are To Be Processed At A Laser-Processing Site.
- c. A new utility application which claims the benefit of provisional application Serial No. , filed on .

Application elements and other attached papers:

2. X Specification (including Claims and Abstract) [Total Pages 33]
3. X Drawings (informal / X formal) [Total Sheets 4]
4. X Oath or Declaration
- a. Newly-executed
- b. X Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
5. Incorporation By Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Item 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4).
- a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
- b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited on the below date with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 n:

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7. Preliminary Amendment:

- a. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 is attached.
- b. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-20 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- c. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:
 "This is a ☒ continuation _____ divisional of copending
 application(s) serial number 09/858,691 filed on 05/16/2001."
- d. _____ A Petition to Suspend Prosecution For The Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently) is attached.

8. Small entity status:

- a. _____ Applicant claims small entity status.
- b. _____ Small entity status was claimed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. _____ Is no longer desired.

9. Fee Calculation:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	28 -20 =	8	x 18.00	144.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	2 -3 =	0	x 86.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))			290.00	0.00
BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))				770.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				770.00
REDUCTION BY 50% FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (NOTE 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				0.00
\$40.00 ASSIGNMENT RECORDAL FEE (if applicable)				0.00
TOTAL				914.00

10. ☒ A check in the amount of \$914.00 is enclosed.
11. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees (or any deficiency therein) to Deposit Account No. 02-3978 :
- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
12. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

_____ A request for extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed in the pending prior application (or are being filed in the prior application concurrently herewith) to extend the period for response until _____.

